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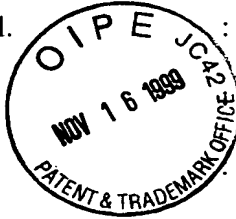
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Title: PHARMACEUTICAL COMBINED PREPARATION AND ITS USE IN THE
TREATMENT OF GYNAECOLOGICAL DISORDERS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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REMARKS

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the first action on the merits of the above-identified application, but before a final rejection or a Notice of Allowance. The statutory fee of \$240.00 for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is included in the attached check. Authorization is hereby given to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to counsel's Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Enclosed is a copy of EP 0 897 721 A2, published February 24, 1999. Thus, EP '721 is not prior art with respect to the instant application.

EP '721 lists for purposes of priority U.S. patent application Serial No. 56,202, filed August 21, 1997. This U.S. application has a filing date prior to the U.S. filing date of the instant application, but subsequent to the priority of the instant application claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

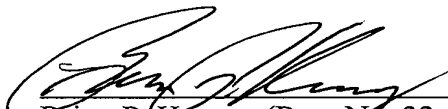
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EP '721 claims the use of certain compounds for inhibiting the detrimental side-effect associated with GnRH and GnRH agonists. See claim 1 and Formula I. GnRH refers to Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone, also referred to as Luteinizing Hormone Releasing Hormone. See page 2, line 5 of EP '721. In addition, Raloxifene hydrochloride is identified as a compound of Formula I. See page 3, lines 22-52 of EP '721.

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